

REMARKS

Claims 7-13, 24, 31 and 32 remain pending in the application.

Claim 10 is amended without prejudice. Support for these features can be found throughout the application as filed including, e.g., paragraphs [0013] and [0028], among others. Withdrawal of the formal rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims stand rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims in the 7,042,470 and 7,099,492 patents and provisionally over assignee's U.S. Patent Application No. 11/145,514. We traverse these rejections. Nevertheless, and out of an abundance of caution only, a terminal disclaimer is provided herewith to address these patent documents.

An information disclosure statement is filed concurrently herewith. Consideration of the information disclosed therein is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In the meantime, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 with any questions.

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